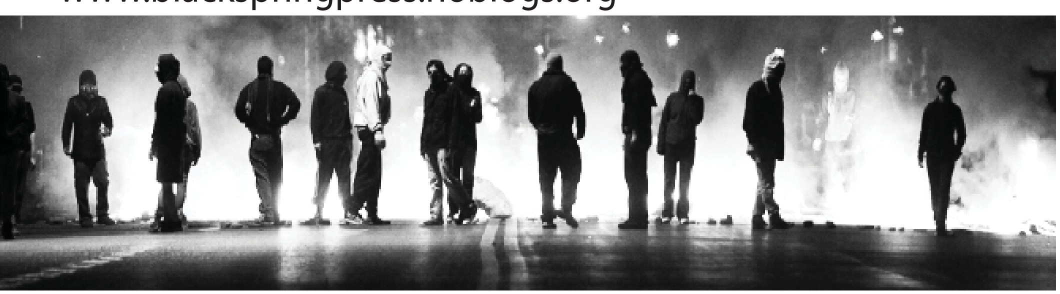
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Recent news and communiques on state repression and the Grand Jury in the Pacific Northwest

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Repeal Coalition
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Oregon Jericho
Parasol Climate Collective
Portland Anarchist Black Cross
Right to Survive
Right to Dream 2
Rosehips Medic Collective
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The Radical Anti-Capitalist Caucus, of Occupy Portland
Students on Strike Organizing Committee
Autonomous Workers' Group
Occupy Oakland Anti Repression Committee
Oakland Occupy Patriarchy
Oakland Occupy Legal
East Bay Solidarity Network
Portland Animal Defense League
Cascadians Against War
PDX Bike Swarm
Northbay Movement for a Democratic Society
Solano Peace and Justice Coalition
Solano Peace and Freedom Party
Northbay Uprising Radio Collective
MN Anti-War Committee
Peoples' Action for Rights and Community
Redwood Curtain CopWatch
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Justice for Palestinians, San Jose, CA
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Family & Friends of Daniel McGowan
Blazing Arrow Organization
Portland International Socialist Organization
Anti-Racist Action-LA/People Against Racist Terror
The Portland World Citizens' United Front
The Wild Poppies Collective
Everglades Earth First!
The Center For A Stateless Society
Black Orchid Collective
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To add your group's name to the solidarity statement, please email: nopoliticalrepression@gmail.com.

the Grand Jury and Recent News

We Will Not Cooperate

What we're facing, what we must do

On Wednesday, July 25th, 60-80 heavily armed FBI and JTTF (Joint Terrorism Task Force) agents raided three homes in Portland. They used battering rams and flash grenades, and carried assault rifles. Electronics (computers, flash drives, cell phones, etc.) were confiscated along with some personal items. All legal documents related to the searches and the grand jury are sealed, and the FBI will only say it is related to an "ongoing violent crime" investigation. But based on interviews with residents, and what police told them at the scene, this is clearly related to the ongoing demonization of anarchists and the Occupy movement, and the actions of May Day.

On the same day, the court issued subpoenas for a Grand Jury which is to begin on August 2nd. There were two subpoenas issued in Portland, two in Olympia, and one in Seattle. Not all of the subpoenas have actually been served, yet.

Police, FBI and JTTF agents have been lurking around houses and tailing people in all three cities since the 25th in an attempt to intimidate and to search out people who have not yet been served their subpoenas.

The intention of this Grand Jury is undoubtedly to gather information on anarchists and anti-capitalists in the Pacific Northwest for the purpose of further surveillance and repression, and in order to imprison people that they determine to be threatening, and to disrupt communities of resistance by creating fear and distrust. We have seen the state use Grand Juries in this way in the recent past, especially against environmental radicals they believed to be associated with the Earth Liberation Front and the Animal Liberation Front (visit greenisthenewred.com for more on this ongoing wave of repression).

Grand Juries basically force witnesses to choose between snitching and serving time. "Cooperation" with the Feds is a euphemism for coercion. If a witness chooses to cooperate with a Grand Jury but does not answer their questions (by pleading the Fifth or saying "I don't know") they are often found in contempt of court, or later charged with perjury. If a witness chooses not to cooperate, to not enter the process at all, they will be found in contempt of court. Snitches are always promised leniency or a reduction of punishment, but this is almost always a fucking lie. In a Grand Jury situation, you can be incarcerated for as long as the Grand Jury is in session, which could be up to eighteen months, with three opportunities for six month extensions. (For more information on how Grand Juries operate, find "Grand Jury Investigations, FBI Harassment, and Your Rights" on zinelibrary.info).

Cooperating with authority is never in your interest. It makes you unfit for freedom and friendship. We will not cooperate with this process, with this jailer's world. Moments of repression reveal the depths of our beings and remind us that defiance in the face of power is the greatest form of dignity.

No More Raids: Committee Against Political Repression

Resist the Grand Jury!

On Wednesday July 25th, the FBI conducted a series of coordinated raids against activists in Portland, Olympia, and Seattle. They subpoenaed several people to a special federal grand jury, and seized computers, black clothing and anarchist literature. This comes after similar raids in Seattle in July and earlier raids of squats in Portland.

Though the FBI has said that the raids are part of a violent crime investigation, the truth is that the federal authorities are conducting a political witch-hunt against anarchists and others working toward a more just, free, and equal society. The warrants served specifically listed anarchist literature as evidence to be seized, pointing to the fact that the FBI and police are targeting this group of people because of their political ideas. Pure and simple, these raids and the grand jury hearings are being used to intimidate people whose politics oppose the state's agenda. During a time of growing economic and ecological crises that are broadly affecting people across the world, it is an attempt to push back any movement towards creating a world that is humane, one that meets every person's needs rather than serving only the interests of the rich.

This attack does not occur in a vacuum. Around the country and around the world, people have been rising up and resisting an economic system that puts the endless pursuit of profit ahead of the basic needs of humanity and the Earth. From the Arab Spring to the Occupy movement to now Anaheim, people are taking to the streets. In each of these cases, the state has responded with brutal political repression. This is not a coincidence. It is a long-term strategy by state agencies to stop legitimate political challenges to a status quo that exploits most of the world's people.

We, the undersigned, condemn this and all other political repression. While we may have differences in ideology or chose to use different tactics, we understand that we are in a shared struggle to create a just, free, and liberated world, and that we can only do this if we stand together. We will not let scare tactics or smear campaigns divide us, intimidate us, or stop us from organizing and working for a better world.

No more witch-hunts! An injury to one is an injury to all.

Solidarity Statement from the Bay Area
To Friends and Comrades of the Pacific Northwest

It has sadly come to our attention that a coordinated Federal assault has been launched on political activities in the cities of Olympia, Portland and Seattle. We have learned that homes have been raided, grand jury subpoenas have been served and comrades are stalked day and night by the FBI and other agencies.

This statement is meant to convey our solidarity along lines of compassion as well as anger. While our support goes out to everyone affected by this new wave of Federal repression, we are not satisfied to respond in the usual means: to stand by idly, to gather commissary or shout outside the courthouse. This attack goes deeper than the obligatory motions (all necessary) and requires an emotional response to their threat of removing our loved ones from our lives. The stakes are not simply political; this is an attack on our relationships, our friendships, our comrades' well-being as well as ours. To assume the threat of jail for silence will only affect those subpoenaed is a mistake. Here in the Bay, we support each other in the process of non-compliance and offer this letter as a step in that direction for the NW as well. We refuse to act and organize as if this attack on our 'neighbors' is not an attack on us as well, and we mean to respond in kind.

We are inspired by the immediate acts of solidarity from the Midwest: the enactment of vengeance. Our hope is for the responses to spread. As the Grand Jury in Seattle is set to convene on August 2nd, comrades here in the Bay have declared a commitment to consistent actions under the banner of solidarity with the Northwest. With this unified spirit of persistence and rage we will combat the harassment and attempted entrapment of comrades across the US. We are invested in "creating the conditions where an offensive can sustain itself without fading, of establishing the material solidarities that allow us to hold on."

WE WILL NOT COMPLY. WE WILL NOT COLLABORATE.
WE WILL NOT DESERT EACHOTHER.
WE WILL NOT SIT BACK. WE WILL NOT WAIT.

With love and determination, from all of us in the Bay.

Ahead

What We Cannot Know

Thinking about the next eighteen months, and more

We cannot know what to expect of this Grand Jury. We can read about how they've gone before and how some have acted, but for the most part we are waiting, speculating, and fear is dancing circles around us.

But we cannot let fear and distrust inform our friendships, we cannot fall into paranoia and instabiltiy. We cannot speculate in unending spirals, and we cannot sit and wait. We need to be good to each other, to care for each other, and to continue to act. That being said, we must think critically.

It is likely that more people will be subpoenaed in the upcoming months. It is important that we share information with one another when this happens, despite the state's plan to keep us all in the dark.

If you are affected by the Grand Jury and need support, please contact:

resistthegrandjury@riseup.net

Also, look to Pacific Northwest Grand Jury Resistance at:

www.saynothing.info

Emergency Grand Jury Info. Workshop

7/29 at noon at the Wildcat with Attorney Larry Hildes

Due to recent events the Wildcat (1105 23rd Ave) will be hosting an emergency info workshop all about grand juries and how to combat them.

Attorney and National Lawyers Guild member Larry Hildes will be explaining what a grand jury is, how it functions, and strategies for combating its repressive reach. Grand Juries are a favored tool of government repression against dissenters, but there is also a legacy of resistance to grand juries as well.

Come learn about what to do if you are subpoenaed so that you can be prepared to fight back against government witch hunts.



Police Van Vandalized in Solidarity with Victims of Northwest FBI Oppression

From Edwardsville, Illinois

In the early morning of July 27th in a Metro East St Louis city, Edwardsville, Illinois, the parking lot across the street from the Edwardsville Police Department was visited with knives and spray paint. Although we left the hammers at home this time and despite us only deciding on spray paint, we arose to the call of international solidarity with our small action of spray painting "Stop Northwest FBI Oppression" on the St Louis City Police Department Probation van. The only reason other vehicles of pig mobility weren't attacked as well was only because their pig cars were out oppressing others.

We saw their red and blue pig lights illuminating prison bars down Main Street and were filled with disappointment until finding the remaining probation van. We are promising one action a week, and as oppression intensifies so will our actions. Actually, hell with it, if this northwest FBI oppression bullshit doesn't just end we will intensify our actions.

Regardless, this action also coincides with complaints of tenants in the city against landlords who repeatedly invade the privacy of their tenants, act on racist motives, ignore domestic disputes until the police come pigging and neglect maintenance of things such as plumbing, air conditioning and mailboxes.

Noise Demonstration in Solidarity with PNW Rebels

From Bloomington, Indiana

On July 26th, after a small anti-repression assembly in Bloomington (less than 20 people), there was a spontaneous solidarity noise demo at the Monroe County Jail.

The same chants as usual, reflecting the fact that our basic methods will remain unchanged: active solidarity, the spread of rebellious attitudes and actions, and strong affinity as a basis for our practice.

Solidarity means attack, against repression, let's strike back.
Much love to the revolting PNW.



Solidarity Demo August 2 from 7:30am on at the Federal Courthouse

Solidarity with Subpoenaed Comrades!
Resist Grand Juries!

This is a regional call-out for a solidarity demo at the Seattle federal courthouse, 700 Stewart St., starting at 7:30am and going throughout the day, to show support for the comrades being stripped of any semblance of rights in what is known as a grand jury. Comrades from the cities targeted and beyond should make the trip to Seattle so we can show the state how we feel about grand juries. We need as many people to come out as we can, to not only show the people facing the grand jury that we support them in their struggle against state oppression but to show the state that we will always resist their attempts at co-optation and destruction of our movements of social revolution.

These oppressive tools of the state are meant to crush social movements and the comrades who are a part of them. We must always resist them and show them that their weapons will never succeed at forcing our submission or acceptance of their rule. On Aug. 2, we must show the ruling class that their grand juries will never succeed at breaking our movements for social revolution and that our friends and comrades will never stand alone before them in our collective struggle against capital and the state. Come to the federal courthouse on Aug. 2 at 7:30am to show support and solidarity to our subpoenaed comrades and to show the state that they will never succeed in stomping out resistance to their rule.

Let's shut down this grand jury and make sure that, at least for a short time, there will be no business as usual! To our comrades, we will always stand in solidarity with you as you face the oppression of the state!

To our ruling class enemies, you can never stop our resistance, no matter how many of us you hurt, kill, or cage, because wherever injustice exists there will always be good people who can't close their eyes and do nothing.

AGAINST GRAND JURIES AND ALL THOSE IN POWER WHO WOULD WIELD THEM AS A WEAPON!

AGAINST THE OPPRESSION OF CAPITAL AND STATE!

SOLIDARITY AND SUPPORT FOR THE SUBPOENAED COMRADES, AND ALL THOSE WHO ARE CAUGHT IN THE CLUTCHES OF THE STATE!

FOR FREEDOM, EQUALITY, AND ANARCHY!

International Call Out for Actions of Solidarity

For those Facing the Repression of the Grand Juries in the Northwest

This an international call out for solidarity actions on behalf of all those facing the repression of the grand juries, FBI, and joint-terrorism task force in the Pacific Northwest. All of these incidents are related to the Grand Jury that will Occur in Seattle on August 2nd. We have reason to believe that the Grand Jury is related to the attack on the Federal Courthouse in Seattle on May Day.

Our solidarity must be the continuation of the struggle that triggered the repression. We have been in touch with some of those receiving the subpoenas and some of them have vowed to remain totally non-cooperating through out this whole procedure, no matter what.

Any acts of solidarity are welcome as long as they do not seek to appeal to power. Examples of this would be affirming the notion of rights and pushing the innocent activist theme, things which some of those who have been subpoenaed stand firmly against!

Their actions are meant to spread fear, let them spread strength instead!

Solidarity with Anarchists Facing Repression World-Wide!
Fire To the Prisons and Those That Maintain Them!
Long Live Anarchy!

Solidarity Actions and Statements